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1. The following airfields are located in Bohemia:

- a. Klatovy (N50/L00) Wooden hangar, semi-military airfields 750 by 450 yards. Grass, no runways.
- b. Cheb (Eger) (N51/P37) Military airfields. Five hangars and a flying school. No civil planes allowed to land. Field covers area 850 by 650 yards. Eight to ten Messerschmidts from Prague-Ruzyně are located here, armed for military border control of western Bohemia.
- c. Plzen-Bory Military airfield occupying an area 150 by 450 yards. Eight large hangars and two hangars belonging to the Western Bohemian Flying Club. Shipfires. Field is continuously guarded. About 110 yards of concrete runway.
- d. Mariánské Lázně Field 650 by 470 yards is in bad condition from wartime bombing. Bad landing conditions for military planes of any kind.
- e. Karlovy Vary Emergency landing field 650 by 520 yards. Hangar and office building.
- f. Zatec Important military airfield 3500 yards long and 250 yards broad, in excellent condition. Two military hangars and one wooden hangar. The airfield is used for testing jet planes. There is a shortage of men for crews, but the technical staff is overmanned.

g. Ceske Budejovice

The whole airfield, with five or six hangars and workshops, occupies an area of 1500 by 1000 yards. Planes of various kinds are located here, including Blakers, Arados, Spitfires (18 planes engaged in frontier service, well armed), and about 15 Pipers. The military garrison is made up of 450 men. The field is about 2 miles southeast of the town.

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- h. Havlickuv Brod The field occupies an area 1200 by 1200 yards, and is located southwest of the town. One-way runway in a northeast direction. Three or four hangars. Flying school. Old Messerschmidts.
 - i. Kralupy n/V. Emergency landing field. Suitable for gliders. Area 650 by 450 yards.
(nad Vitavou)
 - j. Liberec Field 1300 by 850 yards, located two miles southwest
(Reichenberg, of the town. Eight steel hangars. Military school.
051/G16) Various types of light planes, particularly Arados.
 - k. Hradec Kralove Field with new hangars, workshops, an important mili-
tary base and school. Area 1200 by 850 yards. Large
garrison. Many types of planes.
 - l. Pardubice Military airfield with a partially new runway and
three hangars occupying an area 1250 by 850 yards.
School for navigators.
 - m. Chocen Factory airfield with two hangars. Area 730 by 430
yards. Rough surface and inconvenient location near
hills and railroad.
 - n. Kolin Military airfield still under construction. One and
a half miles southwest of the town.
 - o. Vysoke Myto Civil airfield 830 by 330 yards, located three quarters
of a mile from the main road to Brno.
 - p. Strakonice Small military emergency landing field.
 - q. Jindrichuv Hradec Secret airfield. No details known.
 - r. Prague-Ruzyně Sufficiently well known.
 - s. Prague-Kbely Sufficiently well known.
 - t. Prague-Letnany Sufficiently well known.
 - u. Prague-Klecany Sufficiently well known.
2. The following airfields are located in Moravia:
- a. Trebic Emergency landing field. No hangars.
(050/M90)
 - b. Hodonin Emergency landing field located southeast from the
(P49/S87) town. According to plan, the field will occupy and
area of 1100 by 650 yards.
 - c. Breclav State-owned emergency landing field, 550 by 550 yards,
(P49/S15) for emergency landing training. Military garrison.
Located east northeast of town.
 - d. Kunovice Factory airfield for practice-flying and testing mili-
tary planes after repair. Area 850 by 450 yards. Two
hangars with Stormoviks.

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e. Vyskov
 (P59/N71)

Field 1600 by 1100 yards located two miles north-east of the town in the direction of Olomouc. One of the best airfields even during the war. No longer used for military purposes.

f. Prerov
 (P50/003)

Important military air base with two hangars, and one emergency hangar belonging to the Flying Club, workshops, and a garrison of about 5,000 men. Field, located two miles southwest of Prerov, has many types of planes, and occupies an area 1100 by 650 yards.

g. Kromeriz
 (P50/N92)

At present field occupies area 600 by 400 yards and is used as an emergency landing field for civilian planes. Emergency hangar for about three civilian planes. It is planned to make this the second largest airfield (5,000 by 4,000 yards) in the country.

h. Olomouc

Important military base with workshops. The military airfield northwest from the town, and has an area of 1350 by 750 yards. Six hangars (steel, old type), two assembly halls (workshops are beyond the grounds), and a school for cadets. About 50 Arados and an unknown number of Messerschmidts. A civil airfield, 850 by 750 yards, is located south-southeast of the town, with one small hangar.

i. Prostějov
 (P50/N73)

Three airfields, with about 15 hangars, many types of planes, and a large garrison (about 4,000, of which about 300 are pilots and 500 are crew members). Large workshops (larger than at Olomouc). Southwest of the town is the military academy field, 1200 by 900 yards.

4 miles north-northwest of the town is a field 1100 by 650 yards.

A civil airfield is located near the chicory factory, northeast of the town.

j. Ostrava-Hrabuvka
 (Ostrau)

An airfield for airlines has been constructed here, with two hangars. Area 650 by 450 yards.

k. Dolni Běnesov

Civil airfield for Opava, 650 by 850 yards, with one wooden hangar, located about 10 miles east-northeast of Opava. Well situated.

l. Zlín-Otrokovice
 (P50/011)

Factory airfield with two hangars and an emergency hangar. The eastern part is muddy. 850 by 600 yards.

m. Valašské Meziříčí
 (Walachisch Mese-
 ritsch, P50/034)

Airfield mainly for gliders, with two emergency hangars, located one mile north-northeast of the town.

n. Koprivnice

Factory field for Tatra. 600 by 600 yards.

o. Krizanov

Emergency landing field with 1 hangar, located south-east of Krizanov. Area 850 by 450 yards.

p. Holesov
 (P50/012)

Emergency landing field (good landing conditions), 600 by 400 yards.

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- g. Brno-Cernovice Airfield with four military hangars, workshops, and one civil hangar, occupying an area 1100 by 900 yards. Military garrison made up of 750 men. Spitfires, Stormoviks, Pipers, and Bickers 131. Fuel tanks with a 20,000-liter capacity.
- r. Brno-Medlanky Emergency landing field for gliders. Northwest of Kravlove Pole. Unimportant, since it is difficult for any military plane to land there.

3. The following airfields are located in Slovakia:

- a. Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield for civil airlines, located northwest of Vajnory. Military base. Four hangars and workshops. Field is 900 by 900 yards.
- b. Piestany (P49/T44) Field 900 by 600 yards, badly damaged during the war. Now under construction. Military garrison.
- c. Trencin (P49/T58) Field three-quarters of a mile from the town. 1,000 by 600 yards, with three steel hangars. About 30 Spitfires and Stormoviks. The largest garrison in Slovakia is located here, consisting of about 1,200 men, of whom about 70 are pilots.
- d. Zilina Emergency landing field, 500 by 400 yards. Unimportant. Construction is being planned here.
- e. Batovany (sic) (Batovce ?) Factory field with one hangar, about 600 by 400 yards.
- f. Poprad (Q50/D68) Field for state civil airlines, with only one hangar. 700 by 400 yards.
- g. Banska Bystrica Emergency landing field.
- h. Batisovce (sic) (Batizovce, Q50/D58 ?) No detailed information.
- i. Presov No detailed information.
- j. Kosice No detailed information.
- k. Spisska Nova Ves No detailed information.

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